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Strongly Oppose SB16

Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly oppose SB-16 and believe it violates my Constitutional rights under the 2nd, 14th Amendments and the state Constitution. In addition, I also oppose H.B. No. 5416

These bills will not only do nothing to protect our state's citizens, but also spend millions of dollars and add to future state employee-related costs when those monies would be better spent enforcing the laws already in place to address criminal activity. With the exception of funding the firearms trafficking Task Force, none of the Governor's proposals will reduce crime. These measures simply attack legal gun owners and add to an already bloated state budget. Our current background check system has proven to be unreliable and understaffed, yet the Committee is proposing to regulate FFLs when the ATF already does.

A fundamental root-cause analysis and impartial review of crime-related data concludes the citizens of our state would be better served through the policing- and imprisonment of criminals using guns, not increased regulation and restrictions forced upon law-abiding citizens purchasing and collecting. Given the obvious conclusions, it's clear these bills are driven to garner votes, favors and capture headlines, not serve the citizens of this state.

As a third-generation resident of this state, I say enough.

- *Enough* taking our hard-earned dollars and spending them on initiatives that do not serve the very people who elected you.
- *Enough* creating additional departments, committees, and regulatory authorities when the state has proven the existing departments are understaffed and can't consistently provide services.
- *Enough* layer after layer of gun laws and regulations which do nothing more than serve as a hidden tax and irritant to the law-abiding citizens of this state.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5415 – An Act Concerning the Transfer Of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5412 – An Act Concerning the Duty to Retreat in A Religious House of Worship.

I **SUPPORT** Raised S.B. No. 388 – An Act Concerning the Defense of a Person or A Person's Dwelling, Place of Work or Motor Vehicle.

Respectfully,
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